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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

REF WARSAW 0218 (NOTAL), MUNICH 0231 (NOTAL)

1. TRYBUNA LUDU AND ZYCIE WARSZAWY ON JANUARY 30 GAVE PRO-  
MINENT COVERAGE TO THE MINARIK STORY. EACH ALSO CARRIED  
SPECIAL COMMENTARY BASED ON HIS JANUARY 29 PRESS CONFERENCE  
IN PRAGUE. APART FROM DETAILING HIS OWN STORY, THE ARTICLES  
ATTEMPTED TO PORTRAY RFE AS CLOSELY LINKED WITH US INTELLI-  
GENCE. MINARIK IS REPORTED AS REFUTING THE VIEW THAT THE  
CIA "ERA" AT RFE ENDED IN 1971 OR '72. HE REPORTEDLY CITED  
SEVERAL NAMES OF CURRENT OR FORMER CIA EMPLOYEES HOLDING PO-  
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SITIONS AT RFE AND ASSERTED THAT APPROPRIATE CONGRESS-  
IONAL COMMITTEES AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICES MUST BE

AWARE OF THE CIA CONNECTION. HE FURTHER ALLEGED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK DEPARTMENT OF RFE IS A CENTER OF "RE-ACTIONARY" EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS AND COORDINATES THEIR ACTIVITIES. HE POINTED TO ALLEGED HARM TO FRG INTERESTS STEMMING FROM RFE'S LOCATION ON GERMAN SOIL, AND, WITH ONLY THE MOST GENERAL ALLUSION TO CSCE, HE ASSERTED THAT RFE CONTRAVENES THE PRINCIPLES OF DETENTE. FINALLY, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE ZYCIE WARSZAWY CORRESPONDENT, MINARIK REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE WROBLEWICZ-BUTKIEWICZ ARRESTS (WARSAW 218) WERE "PROVOCATIONS" AGAINST POLAND.

2. COMMENT: THE POLES ARE PROBABLY HAPPY TO USE THE MINARIK EPISODE TO SUPPLEMENT THE SIMILAR "DISCLOSURES" ABOUT RFE THAT THEY ARRANGED LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLY STIMULATING GENERAL LISTENER INTEREST, ONE EFFECT OF SUCH EXPOSES IS PROBABLY TO RAISE THE SPIRITS OF THE RFE FANS AMONG POLISH INTELLECTUALS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE EXPRESSED QUALMS THAT HELSINKI WOULD LEAD TO RESTRICTIONS IN THE FLOW OF INFORMATION.

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